

## Articulation Agreement

This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Bethel University and Jackson State Community College are educational institutions that agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for currently enrolled and potential students of their respective institutions.

It is the intent of the two institutions to encourage interested students to complete the associate degree at Jackson State Community College and to facilitate the transfer of credits into a bachelor's degree program at BU. Available Bethel University Bachelor Degree programs include an on-campus option of Management and Organizational Development or an online degree in Leadership. Through this agreement, students would be able to complete all of the general education requirements for the bachelor's degree at Jackson State Community College and the course work for their desired major at BU.

Students transferring between the institutions must be in good standing at their home institution and have a grade point average equal to that required for retention at the receiving institution. Credit granted for transfer courses will be based on evaluation of official transcripts issued directly by the credit-granting institution. BU will accept up to 80 degree seeking semester credit hours for students transferring from Jackson State Community College. No distinction will be made between on-site courses and distance education courses by either institution as long as those courses conform to established standards for all courses at the offering institution. The chief academic officers or their designees will confer at least once per year about course offerings at the institutions. Attached is a table showing course equivalencies between BU and Jackson State Community College.

Students who complete an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts degree with a minimum GPA of 2.0 from Jackson State Community College would enter on a space available basis with junior standing at BU and complete the baccalaureate degree in Science with a concentration in Organizational Management or in Leadership with no more than 60 additional required hours, although students must have a total of 128 hours for a degree from BU.

This articulation agreement will be in effect for five (5) years upon the affixing of the signatures of the presidents of the two institutions. Renewal of the agreement will be discussed at the end of this time period. The agreement is subject to the policies and regulations of the boards and agencies that have oversight of the respective institutions and may be terminated by either party with a ninety day (90) written notification. Such termination will not affect students enrolled in either institution under the agreement at the time of termination or expiration. A student will have at least six (6) years to complete the coursework at Jackson State Community College and transfer under this agreement to BU.

Bethel University

Jackson State Community College

Dr. Bob Prosser, President (date)

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 9/14/10

